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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

WOOKEY ET AL.

Examiner

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 October 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-16 have been re-examined and are pending.
2. This is a FINAL rejection.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. **Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Haff, et al. (US 6,442,571).**

#### **As per claim 1:**

Haff, et al. discloses a method of automatically reconfiguring a component of a remote services network system comprising the steps of:

detecting a communication error related to a component of said network; [col.25, line 59 – col.26, lines 2 and col.27, lines 43-46; Haff discloses to determining whether the communication of the remote computers are successfully connected

**by detecting communication error when the connection cannot be established where an error is logged.]**

identifying a configuration parameter associated with the occurrence of said communication error; **[col.26, lines 13-17]**

obtaining corrected configuration data relating to said configuration parameter; and **[col.40, lines 43-53]**

automatically installing said corrected configuration data on said component to restore communication with said remote services network. **[col.10, lines 9-15 and col.40, lines 36-63; Haff discusses automatically installing software updates that include updated identifier in the file list header, authentication code, and control commands which is the configuration data. Thus, the corrected (updated) configuration data needed in order to execute and run the new program.]**

**As per claim 2:** See col.25, line 59 – col.26, lines 2 and col.27, lines 51-53; discussing communication error comprising an error in the identity of said component.

**As per claim 3:** See col.10, lines 9-15 and col.25, line 59 – col.26, lines 2; discussing communication error comprising an error related to connectivity of said component to said remote services network.

**As per claim 4:** See col.26, lines 16-17; discussing the identity error comprising an invalid client certificate.

**As per claim 5:** See col.47, lines 4-21; discussing the step of obtaining corrected configuration data further comprising the step of requesting a valid client certificate from a secure universal resource locator associated with a service provider web site

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containing data parameters relating to components of said remote services system.

**As per claim 6:** See col.40, lines 36-43 and col.47, lines 4-21; discussing the step of redirecting said request for a valid client certificate to a web server local to a customer, said local web server providing a valid certificate for installation on said network component.

**As per claim 7:** See col.30, lines 29-36 and col.47, lines 4-21; discussing the step of revalidating communications of said component with said remote services system.

**As per claim 8:** See col.30, lines 29-36 and col.47, lines 4-21; discussing step of obtaining corrected configuration data further comprising the step of obtaining a valid client certificate from a secure universal resource locator associated with a service provider web site containing data parameters relating to components of said remote services system.

**As per claim 9:** See col.30, lines 29-36 and col.47, lines 4-21; discussing the step of revalidating communications of said component with said remote services system.

**As per claim 10:**

Haff discloses a remote services system, comprising:

a system component in communication with said remote services system,  
[col.25, lines 59-60] said component having a plurality of stored data parameters for maintaining communication with said remote services system; [col.26, lines 46-57;

**Haff discloses to determining whether the communication of the remote computers are successfully connected by detecting communication error when the connection cannot be established where an error is logged.]**

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a data base containing valid configuration [col.30, lines 29-36 and col.47, lines 4-21] data parameters for maintaining communication of said system component with said remote services system; and [col.28, lines 5-7]

a communication module operable to detect a communication error between said system component and said remote services system [col.25, line 59 – col.26, lines 2 and col.27, lines 43-46] and to correct said communication error by obtaining valid configuration data parameters from said data base [col.40, lines 43-53] and installing said valid configuration data parameters on said system component. [col.10, lines 9-15 and col.40, lines 36-63; Haff discusses automatically installing software updates that include updated identifier in the file list header, authentication code, and control commands which is the configuration data. Thus, the corrected (updated) configuration data needed in order to execute and run the new program.]

**As per claim 11:** See col.27, lines 51-53; discussing communication error comprises an error in the identity of said component.

**As per claim 12:** See col.26, lines 16-17; discussing identity error comprising an invalid client certificate.

**As per claim 13:** See col.27, lines 43-46; discussing communication error comprises an error related to connectivity of said component to said remote services network.

**As per claim 14:** See col.30, lines 29-36 and col.47, lines 4-21; discussing an application server, said application server being operable to obtain valid configuration data parameters from said data base and to transmit said valid configuration data

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parameters to said system component in response to an instruction received from said communication module.

**As per claim 15:** See col.47, lines 4-21; discussing database residing on a server controlled by a service provider.

**As per claim 16:** See col.27, line 67 – col.28, lines 2; discussing a internet web site for providing limited access to said data base residing on said server controlled by said service provider.

### ***Response to Arguments***

***4. Applicant's arguments filed October 3, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.***

The examiner traverses applicant's arguments because Haff does teach the remote services network (col.4, lines 57-61 and col.6, lines 33-42).

Further, Haff discusses automatically installing software updates that include updated identifier in the file list header, authentication code, and control commands which is the configuration data. Thus, the corrected (updated) configuration data needed in order to execute and run the new program [col.10, lines 9-15 and col.40, lines 36-63].

**Conclusion**

**5. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action.. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LEYNNA T. HA whose telephone number is (571) 272-3851. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday (7:00 - 5:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.



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